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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1998 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of August 1998, and on behalf of the States members of the League of Arab States, I have the honour to attach herewith a statement by the Secretariat of the League of Arab States dated 21 August 1998 concerning the destruction of the pharmaceutical factory near Khartoum.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Ali Suliman SAID
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Statement by the Secretariat of the League of Arab States dated 21 August 1998 condemning the American bombing of the pharmaceutical factory in Khartoum

The Secretariat of the League of Arab States learned with resentment of the bombing by the United States of the pharmaceutical factory near Khartoum, resulting in the loss of many civilian lives and the destruction of an economic installation that provided the Sudan with 50 per cent of its pharmaceutical and vaccination needs.

The Secretariat considers this unjustified act a blatant violation of the sovereignty of a State member of the League of Arab States, and of its territorial integrity, as well as against all international laws and tradition, above all the Charter of the United Nations.

The Secretariat, deploring this attack, calls upon the United States, as a permanent member of the Council and as a super-Power with global responsibility for maintaining international peace and security, to respect international legality and to refrain from such acts which constitute violations of national sovereignty, instigate feelings of public outrage and encourage violence and counter-violence, thus endangering international peace and security.

The Secretariat reiterates its condemnation of terrorism whatever the source, recalling in this regard its condemnation of terrorist acts against the United States embassies in Dar es Salaam and Nairobi.

Recalling the resolution of 25 March 1998 adopted by the Council of the League of Arab States at its most recent session, the Secretariat reaffirms its support to the Sudan in facing the threats to its stability, unity and territorial integrity.